

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An adhesive product comprising:
a backing strip of release material; and
a gelled adhesive on the backing strip;
wherein the adhesive dries and sets firm when fully cured.
2. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive is in the form of a layer of the adhesive on the backing strip.
3. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 2 wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness between about 1/64 inch and about 1/16 inch.
4. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 1 which is in the form of a tape.
5. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive is tacky to the touch.
6. (currently amended) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive sets in a time between about 5 minutes and about 20 minutes at room temperature of 21°C.
7. (currently amended) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive cures within about 5 hours at room temperature of 21°C.
8. (canceled)
9. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the release material is a low-friction material.

10. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the release material includes a coating of a release agent or a low-friction material.

11. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 1 wherein the gelled adhesive comprises an adhesive resin and a gelling agent.

12. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 11 wherein the gelling agent comprises a gelling colloid.

13. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 11 wherein the gelling agent comprises a combination of a colloidal silica and an electrolyte.

14. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 13 wherein the electrolyte comprises a phosphate salt.

15. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 11 wherein the adhesive resin is a vinyl acetate-based resin.

16. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 11 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises a coalescing solvent.

17. (original) An adhesive product according to claim 11 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

18. (canceled)

19. (original) A method of adhering a first object to a second object comprising:
providing an adhesive product comprising a backing strip of release material
and a gelled adhesive on the backing strip;

applying the adhesive product to the first object such that the gelled adhesive contacts the first object;

removing the backing strip from the adhesive product; and

pressing the second object against the gelled adhesive and the first object.

20. (original) A method according to claim 19 wherein the adhesive product is in the form of a tape, and wherein the method comprises an additional step, before applying the adhesive product, of cutting the tape to a predetermined length.

21. (new) A method according to claim 19 wherein at least one of the first and second objects is made from wood.

22. (new) An adhesive product comprising:

a backing strip of release material; and

a gelled adhesive on the backing strip;

the adhesive when fully cured having an adhesive strength of at least about 8 Mpa.